

Dropping Off and Collecting children

Lately some of our younger children have been confused regarding where to go at home time and have been remaining in the reception area. We feel this is because some children are collected at the front door and some children are collected at the back door and this is confusing for some children.

Our policy is as follows

- All children in P1- P6 should enter school using the back playground door prior to 9am (unless children are late, in which case they enter using the front door)
- All children that are a home lunch should exit and enter the school using the front entrance
- All children who are to be collected at the end of the day should exit at the back door
- If your child is attending an after school club and you are collecting your child then please continue to use the front entrance.

If you have messages for the office or dinner money to drop in or wish to speak to a member of staff then please do so either before collecting your child from the back playground entrance or after you have collected your child. This will prevent our younger children getting confused.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.



Dates for your Diary

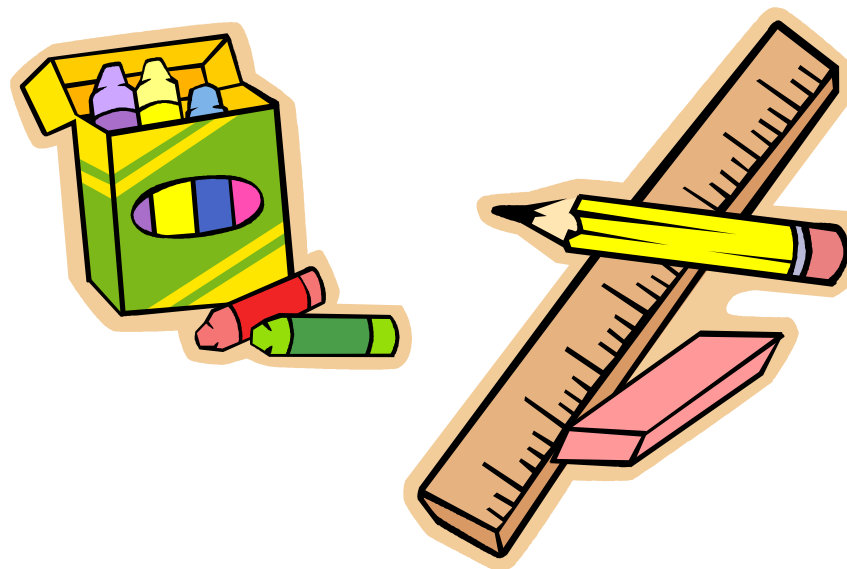
In service day 4	16th Feb. 2012
Mid term holiday	17th and 20th Feb.
Travelling Book Fair	23rd Feb.
Book Week	week beginning 27th Feb.
Open Afternoon	29th Feb. 2-3pm
Parents Evening P1-P7	19th March 5 -7. 30pm
Parents Evening N-P7	20th March 4 - 6.30pm
Easter Service at Church	30th March 9.30am

Parent Comment

If you have any comments you wish to make, issues you would like to raise or successes you would like to share, please do so below and return the slip to school.

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NEWTYLE SCHOOL and Nursery



January 2012 Newsletter

Work together to be the best we can be.

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas break and a good New year. I would like to say thank you for the lovely cards and gifts received. It is very much appreciated.

P1 Registration.

You will no longer be issued with a letter from Angus Council inviting you to register your child for school. Registration for P1 will now take place at school between Monday 16th January and Friday 20th January. Please collect an admission form from the pre-school staff or from the office. Complete and return this form along with the Birth Certificate and proof of address to the school office during the week of 16th – 20th January. The office will be open at the following times—9-10.40am, 11-11.45am and 1.30-4pm.

We look forward to seeing you.

Additional Day Holiday QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Angus Council has granted all schools an additional day holiday this year. This will be on Tuesday 5th June.

Calendars

Our Calendars this year have been very successful. We sold all the calendars and made a profit of £179.00.

The children have asked for a couple of sledges for the playground so the money will be used to purchase them as well as go towards paying for an author to visit the school during book week.

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club currently successfully operates on a Tuesday and Thursday between 8.30 –9am. Children are provided with a healthy warm and nutritious breakfast at a very reasonable cost. It is an ideal opportunity for children to socialise prior to the school day.

We have 10 children attending the club but we do have more spaces. If you would like your child to attend breakfast club please collect a form or phone the school office. If you are interested (or you know of a community member) in volunteering at breakfast club please also let us know. We currently have four committed and hard working volunteers but it would really help to have more.

Smart Start Lunch System

Last term we successfully trialled our Smart Start Lunch system.

We are pleased with how this has gone and it is very evident that children are getting started to their learning more quickly in all classes. It has also helped with the congestion at the lockers.

We have decided to continue with the system due to the positive benefits of increased learning and teaching times but wish to highlight a few pointers we have discussed with the children:

- P7 will continue to attend prompt 8.45am and will be let in through the front entrance to the school.
- All P1-P6 pupils should attend between 8.45 and 8.58 so they can register their school lunch prior to the school day. All P1-P6 pupils should enter the school using the back playground door (this will be open from 8.45am)
- When registering their lunch children should put their school bag in their locker and their reading folder in their tray, but they should keep their jackets and outdoor shoes on so they can return to the playground promptly after registering their lunch. They should be ready to line up in their playground line at 9am and a member of staff will take the lines in. The teachers have weekly rota for this.
- We do obviously prefer and encourage children to attend school on time every day so that their learning isn't disrupted. But if children are late due to unforeseen circumstances they should enter the school using the front entrance. They then should go to the office so that Mrs Sherriff can record their lunch choice. All children attending school after 9am are automatically marked as late on their attendance record.
- If it is a very wet morning then children will be allowed to stay inside after registering their lunch. The school will be open from 8.45am onwards and children will be allowed to go to the GP room to watch a DVD.

I hope these pointers are clear but should you wish to get in touch regarding the Smart Start system then please do so. We always welcome your feedback and suggestions.